

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ALLEN HORTON, II,

Plaintiff

Case No. 3:21-cv-00280-LRH-CLB

ORDER

v.

WILLIAM GITTERE, *et al.*,

Defendants

I. DISCUSSION

On January 18, 2022, the Court issued a screening order permitting two claims to proceed and dismissing some claims with leave to amend and some claims with prejudice. (ECF No. 5). The Court granted Plaintiff 30 days from the date of that order to file an amended complaint curing the deficiencies of the complaint. (*Id.*) The Court specifically stated that if Plaintiff chose not to file an amended complaint, the action would proceed against only Dr. Hanf. (*Id.* at 18–19). Plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint. Pursuant to the screening order, this action will proceed against only Dr. Hanf on two claims: (1) Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference to serious medical needs (failure to follow doctor's orders) and (2) Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference to serious medical needs (failure to transfer to another facility).

II. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the Court's screening order (ECF No. 5), this action will proceed against Dr. Hanf only.

It is further ordered that given the nature of the claims that the Court has permitted to proceed, this action is stayed for 90 days to allow Plaintiff and Defendant an opportunity to settle their dispute before the \$350.00 filing fee is paid, an answer is filed, or the discovery process begins. During this 90-day stay period and until the Court lifts the stay, no other pleadings or papers may be filed in this case, and the parties will not engage in any discovery, nor are the parties required to respond to any paper filed in violation of the

1 stay unless specifically ordered by the Court to do so. The Court will refer this case to the
2 Court's Inmate Early Mediation Program, and the Court will enter a subsequent order
3 about mediation. Regardless, on or before 90 days from the date this order is entered,
4 the Office of the Attorney General will file the report form attached to this order regarding
5 the results of the 90-day stay, even if a stipulation for dismissal is entered prior to the end
6 of the 90-day stay. If the parties proceed with this action, the Court will then issue an
7 order setting a date for Defendant to file an answer or other response. Following the filing
8 of an answer, the Court will issue a scheduling order setting discovery and dispositive
9 motion deadlines.

10 It is further ordered that "settlement" may or may not include payment of money
11 damages. It also may or may not include an agreement to resolve Plaintiff's issues
12 differently. A compromise agreement is one in which neither party is completely satisfied
13 with the result, but both have given something up and both have obtained something in
14 return.

15 It is further ordered that if the case does not settle, Plaintiff will be required to pay
16 the full \$350.00 statutory filing fee for a civil action. This fee cannot be waived, and the
17 fee cannot be refunded once the Court enters an order granting Plaintiff's application to
18 proceed *in forma pauperis*. If Plaintiff is allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the fee will
19 be paid in installments from his prison trust account. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b). If Plaintiff
20 is not allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the full \$350 statutory filing fee for a civil
21 action plus the \$52 administrative filing fee, for a total of \$402, will be due immediately.

22 It is further ordered that if any party seeks to have this case excluded from the
23 inmate mediation program, that party will file a "motion to exclude case from mediation"
24 no later than 21 days prior to the date set for mediation. The responding party will have 7
25 days to file a response. No reply will be filed. Thereafter, the Court will issue an order, set
26 the matter for hearing, or both.

27 It is further ordered that if Plaintiff needs a translator to participate in the mediation
28 program, Plaintiff will file a notice identifying the translation language and the need for the

1 translator within 30 days from the date of this order.

2 It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Court will electronically serve a copy of
3 this order, the original screening order (ECF No. 5) and a copy of Plaintiff's complaint
4 (ECF No. 6) on the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada, by adding the
5 Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket sheet. This does not indicate
6 acceptance of service.

7 It is further ordered that the Attorney General's Office will advise the Court within
8 21 days of the date of the entry of this order whether it will enter a limited notice of
9 appearance on behalf of Defendants for the purpose of settlement. No defenses or
10 objections, including lack of service, will be waived because of the filing of the limited
11 notice of appearance.

12 DATED THIS 23rd day of February 2022.

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15 United States Magistrate Judge
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 REPORT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
 RE: RESULTS OF 90-DAY STAY

NOTE: ONLY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL FILE THIS FORM. THE INMATE PLAINTIFF SHALL NOT FILE THIS FORM.

On _____ [the date of the issuance of the screening order], the Court issued its screening order stating that it had conducted its screening pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, and that certain specified claims in this case would proceed. The Court ordered the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to file a report ninety (90) days after the date of the entry of the Court's screening order to indicate the status of the case at the end of the 90-day stay. By filing this form, the Office of the Attorney General hereby complies.

REPORT FORM

[Identify which of the following two situations (identified in bold type) describes the case and follow the instructions corresponding to the proper statement.]

Situation One: Mediated Case: The case was assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay. [If this statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the six statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

_____ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____ [enter date], and as of this date, the parties have reached a settlement (even if paperwork to memorialize the settlement remains to be completed). (If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must **SEPARATELY** file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in the case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)

_____ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____ [enter date], and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

_____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the

90-day stay, but the parties have nevertheless settled the case. *(If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)*

_____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, but one is currently scheduled for _____ [enter date].

_____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, and as of this date, no date certain has been scheduled for such a session.

_____ None of the above five statements describes the status of this case. Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the status of this case.

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Situation Two: Informal Settlement Discussions Case: The case was NOT assigned to mediation with a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay; rather, the parties were encouraged to engage in informal settlement negotiations. [If this statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the four statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

_____ The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have reached a settlement *(even if the paperwork to memorialize the settlement remains to be completed)*. *(If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)*

_____ The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

_____ The parties have not engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

_____ None of the above three statements fully describes the status of this case. Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the status of this case.

Submitted this _____ day of _____, _____ by:

Attorney Name: _____
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Signature

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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